



# Louisiana Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the quarterly **Milk Production Report**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

## First Quarter Milk Production down 7 Percent

Louisiana milk production during the January-March 2014 quarter was 56 million pounds, down 7 percent from the same period last year, but up 22 percent from the October-December 2013 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 15,000 head unchanged from the previous quarter.

Nationally, the number of milk cows increased from the previous quarter. Milk production increased 1 percent from the previous year and increased 4 percent from the previous quarter.

### Milk Cows and Production by Quarter, Louisiana, and U.S. 2012-2014

Item/Period	Louisiana				United States			
	2012	2013	2014	% Change from '13	2012	2013	2014	% Change from '13
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March	18.0	3	15.0	-	9,257	3	9,215	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	18.0	3		-	9,259	3		-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September	17.0	15.0		-	9,211	9,229		-
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December	16.0	15.0		-	9,203	9,201		-
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, January - March	68	60	56	-6.7	51,105	50,545	51,056	1.0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	60	58		-	51,562	51,997		-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - September	45	42		-	48,727	49,408		-
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, October - December	49	46		-	49,143	49,268		-

<sup>1</sup> Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk nursed by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Survey was not conducted in April and July.

### Milk Production: Louisiana and U.S. January-March, 2005-2014

